

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES,

-v-

No. 07-CR-00849-LTS

JISEL CORDERO,

Defendant.

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ORDER

The Court has received a letter from Jisel Cordero requesting sealing of her 2007 criminal conviction in the above-captioned case. Ms. Cordero's letter has been filed on the docket.

Ms. Cordero is not challenging her conviction. Rather, her letter explains that he completed her sentence many years ago and that, given her positive and successful efforts to build a new life since her period of incarceration, she would like to have her conviction sealed. Unfortunately, the Court does not have authority to grant Ms. Cordero's request for sealing. Where, as here, a request for sealing is brought years after a valid conviction and completion of the sentence imposed, the court does not have the power to assert jurisdiction over, or grant, requests for expungement of such. See Doe v. United States, 833 F.3d 192, 196 n.1 (2d Cir. 2016) (refusing a motion to "expunge" a criminal conviction on grounds of collateral consequences and post-offense rehabilitation, but explaining the action of the District Court to be overturned was "in effect" a sealing of Doe's criminal conviction). The only federal statute providing for such judicial relief is 18 U.S.C. section 3607, but that statute limits the types of convictions that may be expunged to offenses under section 404 of the Controlled Substances

Act (21 U.S.C. § 844). Ms. Cordero's conviction was not for a violation of this statute. The Court therefore does not have power under current law to exercise jurisdiction over this request or to grant it. Accordingly, Ms. Cordero's request is denied.

The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to mail a copy of this order to Ms. Cordero, at the below address.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York  
October 4, 2022

/s/ Laura Taylor Swain  
LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN  
Chief United States District Judge

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